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SUBJECT: SEA NEUTRALIZATION PROPOSAL

FOR AMBASSADOR SULLIVAN

1. YOU MAY FIND USEFUL EXCERPTS OF AUTHORITATIVE US
VIEWS ON SEA NEUTRALIZATION:

(A) PRESIDENT NIXON'S REPORT TO CONGRESS, FEB 9, 1972:
QUOTE...MOST RECENTLY, THE ASEAN FOREIGN MINISTERS,
MEETING AT KUALA LUMPUR IN NOVEMBER 1971, DECLARED THEIR
INTENTION TO CONSULT...ON...MEANS TO STRENGTHEN THE
REGION'S SECURITY AND INDEPENDENCE. THEIR EXPRESSED
INTEREST IN AN EVENTUAL NEUTRALIZATION OF THE AREA BEARS
WITNESS TO THEIR READINESS TO DISCUSS EVEN THE MOST
DIFFICULT ISSUES OF COMMON INTEREST. OUR OWN DIALOGUE WITH
THE ASEAN MEMBER STATES ALSO DEMONSTRATES A SOBER AWARENESS
THAT MUCH REMAINS TO BE DONE BEFORE SUCH AN OBJECTIVE CAN
BE REALIZED: THE SECURE INDEPENDENCE OF SOVEREIGN
SOUTHEASTERN ASIAN NATIONS IS ITS ESSENTIAL PRECONDITION.
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(B) SECRETARY ROGER'S APRIL 19, 1973 REPORT TO CONGRESS,

UNITED STATES FOREIGN POLICY 1972: QUOTE...AMONG THESE
WAS THE ASEAN KUALA LUMPUR DECLARATION OF 1971 FORMULATING

A PLAN FOR A ZONE OF PEACE, FREEDOM AND NEUTRALITY IN
SOUTHEAST ASIA. THE U.S. POSITION IS THAT THE ASEAN
MEMBER STATES ALSO RECOGNIZE THAT MUCH REMAINS TO BE DONE
BEFORE SUCH AN OBJECTIVE CAN BE REALIZED; THE SECURE
INDEPENDENCE OF SOVEREIGN SOUTHEAST ASIAN NATIONS IS ITS
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2. FOR BACKGROUND PURPOSES YOU MAY WANT TO LOOK AT
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